




# THE SECRET

J.T.C.



You've got the *wrong* house, officers. There's been no violence here.



May we see your wife?

She's sleeping. I don't wanna wake her up.  
*Hic!*



When I grow up, I'll  
**KILL YOU** for hurting mom.



... be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers 32:23

Oh, God, I've made such a  
*mess* of my life. You know I've  
tried to change... **but I can't!**





**PLEASE** don't cry, Mom.

Oh, Jason.  
I'm *so sorry*  
you've had  
to live  
through this  
nightmare.




What are you gonna do, Mom?

Oh, God, you're the **ONLY**  
One who can fix this mess.  
**PLEASE help us!**

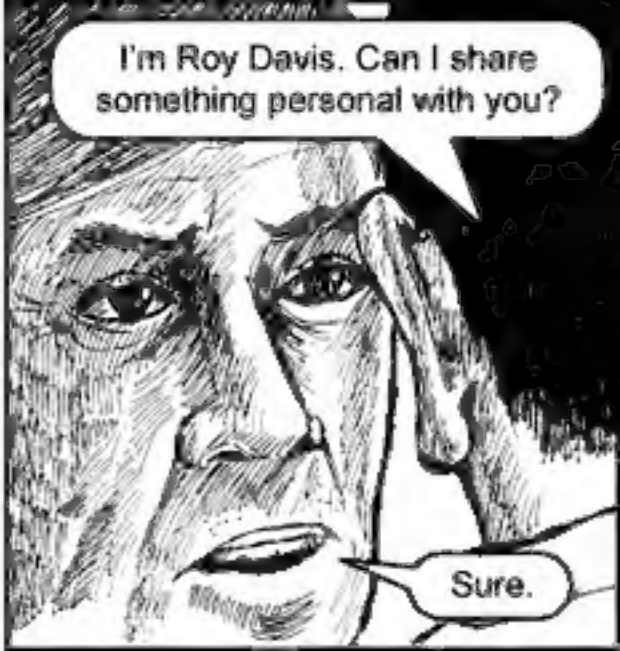
And ye shall seek me, and find me,  
when ye shall search for me with  
all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Two days later



Hi, I'm Pastor Hunt...  
Would you like a free Bible?

Yeah... uh... can I talk to you?



I'm Roy Davis. Can I share  
something personal with you?

Sure.

**The secret is OUT!**

I'm a *drunk* and a *wife-beater*!




My wife's gonna *leave me* and my kid *hates me*. Preacher, I'm at the **END OF MY ROPE!**

And no matter how hard I try to change...

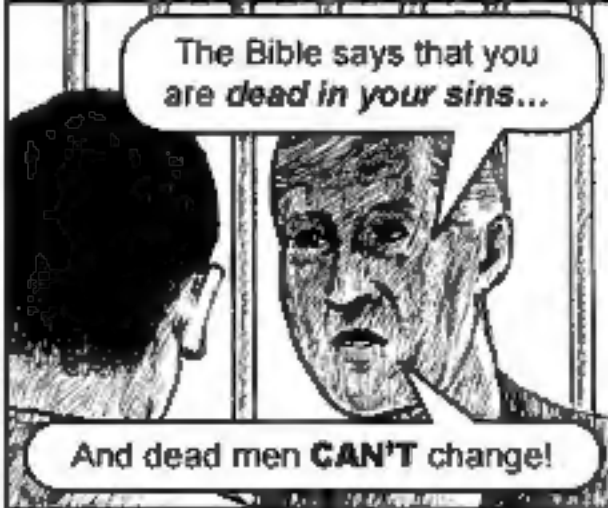
***I can't!***

Jesus said: Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. John 8:34

A black and white illustration of a man in a dark suit standing and talking to a man sitting on a cot in a prison cell. The man on the cot is looking up at the man in the suit with a questioning expression. The cell has a barred window in the background.

Roy, the reason  
you can't change is  
that *you're dead!*

***I'm WHAT?***

A close-up illustration of a man's face, looking shocked or surprised. He has a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression. The background is dark and indistinct.

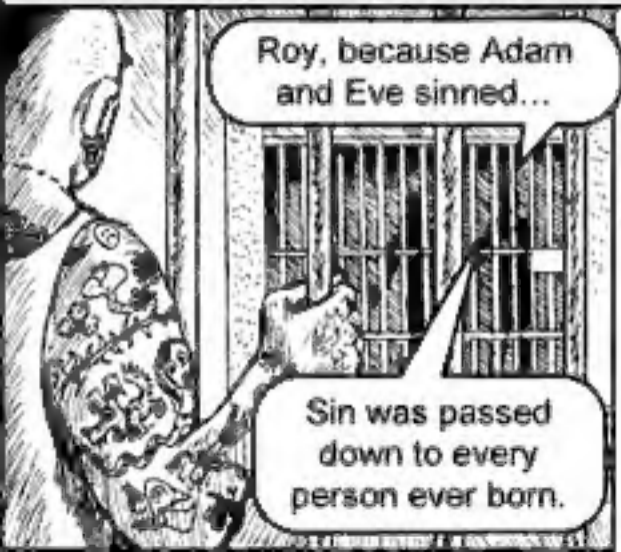
The Bible says that you  
are *dead in your sins...*

And dead men **CAN'T** change!

And you hath he quickened (made  
alive), who were dead in trespasses  
and sins; Ephesians 2:1

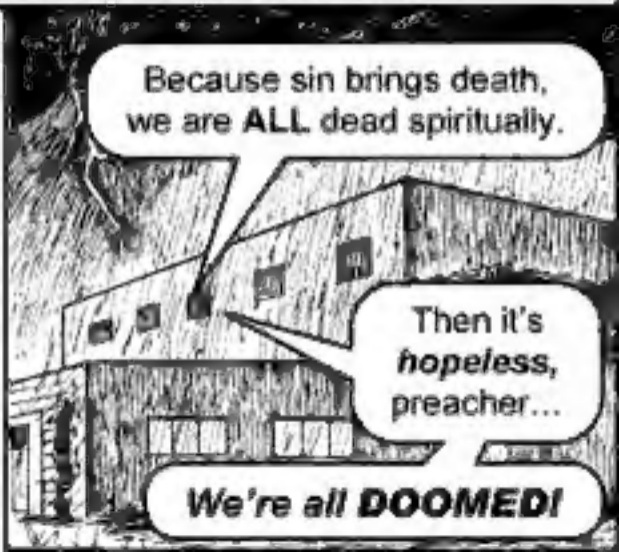


Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that *all have sinned*: Romans 5:12



Roy, because Adam and Eve sinned...


Sin was passed down to every person ever born.



Because sin brings death, we are **ALL** dead spiritually.

Then it's *hopeless*, preacher...

**We're all DOOMED!**



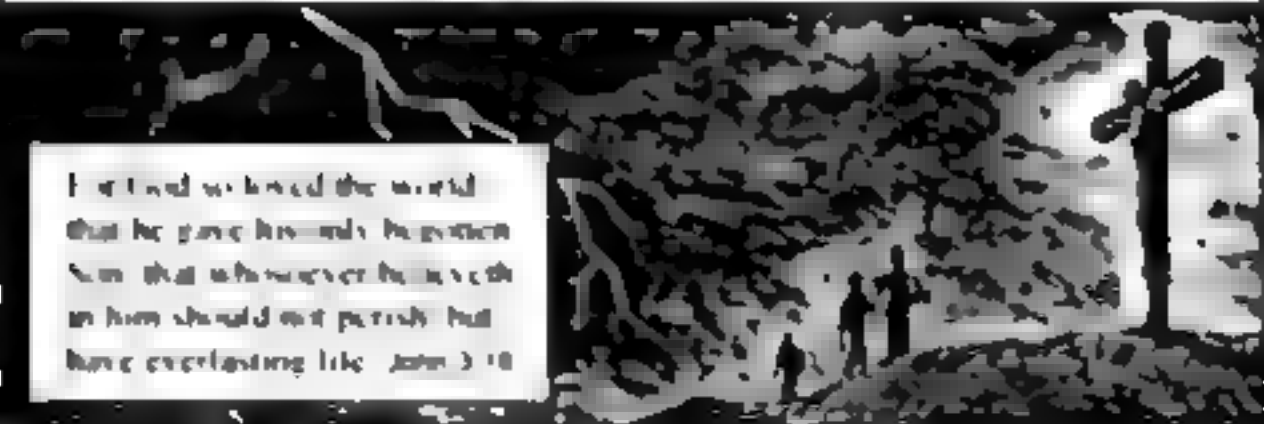
No, Roy, we're not.

Because God loves us so much, He made a way for us to be brought to life... *spiritually!*

Nearly 2,000 years ago, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to die on the cross.

But God commendeth (showed) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8


Since Jesus never sinned He didn't have to die. So when He died on the cross it wasn't to pay for His sins. It was to pay for OURS!



For I had warned the world  
that he gave his only begotten  
son that whosoever believeth  
in him should not perish but  
have everlasting life. John 3:18


Three days later by the power of God Jesus rose from the dead defeating sin and death once and for all.

Roy, if you repent, turn to God and ask Jesus Christ into your heart

Two silhouetted figures are shown behind vertical bars, representing a jail cell. The figure on the right is speaking.

You can be born spiritually *right now.*

Jesus said Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again John 3:7

A close-up, high-contrast black and white image of Jesus' face, looking slightly to the right.

*Trust in Jesus and all your sins will be forgiven*

and you will become a child of God

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God John 1:12

Then God will do in you what  
you could NEVER do yourself




Jesus said

With men this is impossible but  
with God all things are possible  
Matthew 19:26

Not only that Roy but  
you will also have the gift  
of eternal life in heaven



And I give unto them eternal life and  
they shall never perish John 10:28



I **REALLY** wanna change,  
preacher *I'll do it!*

Lord Jesus I've *tried* to change  
my life but **I CAN'T!** Please save  
me and come into my heart\*

and begin changing me.




\*For whosoever shall call upon the name  
of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13



Wow! I feel different!

I know God has set me free


If the Son (Jesus) therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36



I can't wait to get out so I can tell my wife and son what happened.

I want *them* to get saved too!

The first thing you need to do, Roy is ask your precious wife and son to forgive you.



Then you must show them through your actions that God has *really* changed you.



That will take some time

I'm not worried, preacher I *know* that God is going to fix my home.

he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it untill the day of Jesus Christ      Philippians 1:6



Next Week



Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.


Ephesians 5:25

Liquor will never be  
in our house again

Blub  
Blub

By the grace of God I'll never  
again hurt either one of you

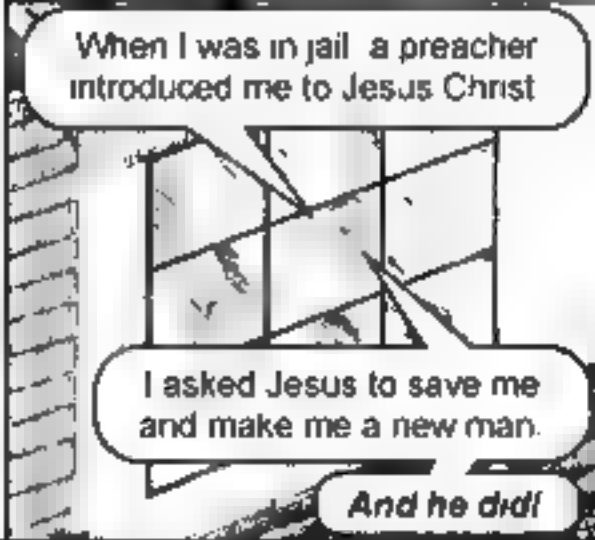
I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me (Phil 4:13)



I'm so sorry  
for *everything*  
I've done

I ask you  
both to  
forgive  
me.

Roy what  
happened  
to you?



When I was in jail a preacher  
introduced me to Jesus Christ

I asked Jesus to save me  
and make me a new man.

*And he did!*

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are  
passed away behold, all things are become new 2 Corinthians 5:17

Two Months Later

I love you, Dad.

I want to accept Jesus  
and be *just like you*.

Thank you Lord for saving  
my whole family.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

28 years later, Roy Davis dies  
of a massive heart attack.



Roy enters glory.

Well done,  
good and faithful  
servant...

enter thou  
into the joy  
of thy lord.\*



\*Mt. 25:23

Precious in the sight of the LORD is  
the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15

At Roy's funeral

You were *blessed* to have a loving husband like Roy.



Yes, he was a *perfect* husband. I can't wait to see him in heaven.

**Dear Reader...  
What about you?**

God knows **ALL** your secrets.

Roy couldn't change his life...  
and you can't change yours.

**Only God can change you.**

***Receive Him today!***

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:22

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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